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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please delete the section heading "DESCRIPTION".

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten section heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, please delete the section heading "BACKGROUND ART".